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13 January 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, SR/2

SUBJECT : Review of Positive Intelligence Production from
Project AEROOT for the Period 1 February 1959 to
31 January 1960

Project Renewal Date: 31 January 1960

Funds Requested: Less than ☐ ☐

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Statistics

1. Our review of production from AEROOT/5 and AENEON/27 reveals that positive intelligence production during the period 1 February 1959 to 31 January 1960 was as follows:

Reports received/processed:	14
Reports used in disseminations:	13
Reports rejected:	1
Reports awaiting dissem action:	0
Disseminations:	12

Comments:

2. Six of the eight AEROOT/5 reports resulted from debriefings of one ethnic German repatriated from Tallinn, Estonian SSR, and all six of AENEON/27's reports were results of debriefing a similar individual who had lived in Tapa. Thus, almost the total positive intelligence production of this project for the year was derived from debriefing two repatriates. Of the two other AEROOT/5 reports, one consisted of three photographs of bridges in Tartu acquired from a returnee probably destined for UPSWING exploitation. The photographs were accessioned by Graphics Register as adding to their files. The other was commentary on the Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church obtained by AEROOT/5 from

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an emigre who had talked with Bishop Yan Kiyvet when he visited the West in January 1959. This was one of the more interesting reports produced by the project.

3. Debriefings of the two repatriates provided information on living conditions, civil defense, industries, and rail and military installations known to the informants. This information was primarily of interest because of the paucity of information available to us on Estonia. Now that Tallinn has been opened for tourist travel (August 1959), we expect better information to come from briefed REDSKIN sources. From a positive intelligence point of view, a turn of the AEROOT project in the direction of mounted legal travel operations would appear to be the only justification for renewal.

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Chief, SR/Reports

Attachment: List of Reports Considered

Distribution:

Orig. and 3 - Addressee
1 - SR/COP/FI
1 - SR/RQ
1 - SR/Rp

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AEROOT/5

EGF-3992	CS-3/387,488
EGF-4323	No Dissem
EGF-4487	CSLT-3/690,472
EGF-4495	CS-3/413,299
EGF-4497	CS-3/419,742
EGF-4498	CS-3/424,296
EGF-4504	CS-3/419,603
EGFA-28204	CSLT-3/691,137

AENEON/.27

EGF-3972	CS-3/394,452
EGF-3973	CS-3/395,716
EGF-3975	CS-3/394,871
EGF-4048	CS-3/394,864
EGF-4049	CS-3/394,864
EGF-4050	CS-3/390,377